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CENTERS INTERNATIONAL IN VICE PRESIDENT'S TRADE
FAIR SPEECH

REFERENCE: (A)GABORNE 1007, (B) GABORONE 0803

1. AS NOTED REFTTEL, VICE PRESIDENT MASIRE REFERRED TO
OPPORTUNITIES INDUSTRIALISATION CENTERS INTERNATIONAL (OICI)
IN HIS SPEECH OPENING THE TRADE FAIR ON JULY 25, AS FOLLOWS:

2. "GOVERNMENT IS AWARE THAT TO EXPEDITE INDUSTRIALISATION
THERE HAS TO BE TRAINED MANPOWER. TO THAT EXTENT THE VOCA-
TIONAL TRAINING CENTRE HAS BEEN ESTABLISHED AND IN A FEW
MONTHS TO COME AN AMERICAN ORGANIZATION, THE OPPORTUNITES
INDUSTRIALISATION CENTRES INTERNATIONAL, OICI, WILL OPEN UP
A TRAINING CENTRE IN GABORONE. THE CENTRE WILL BE RUN BY A
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BOARD OF PERSONS MAINLY FROM THE PRIVATE SECTOR. IT WILL TRAIN

OUR PEOPLE IN THE NECESSARY INDUSTRIAL SKILLS RELEVANT TO OUR
DEVELOPMENT NEEDS."

3. EMBASSY UNDERSTANDS THAT LOCAL BOARD HAS HEARD NOTHING
SINCE OICI VISIT MID-JUNE,IS GROWING CONCERNED, AND MAY CABLE
DIRECT TO OICI FOR STATUS REPORT.

4. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE WORD OF ANY RECENT DEVELOPMENT
AS IN REGARD TO OICI PLANS FOR BOTSWANA.
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